

NIAGARA COUNTY FARM STATISTICS

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Niagara County is located in the northwest portion of the state bordering Canada and Lake Ontario. In 1998, there were 139,400 acres in farms, 42 percent of the county's total 334,720 acres. There were 830 farms in the county averaging 168 acres per farm. Niagara County ranks 18th in the state for number of farms and 27th for land in farms.

In 1997, according to the Census of Agriculture, the market value of all agricultural products sold from county farms was \$57.7 million. Total sales averaged \$84,026 per farm. The leading products sold were: dairy products, fruits and berries, vegetables, corn for grain, and nursery and greenhouse.

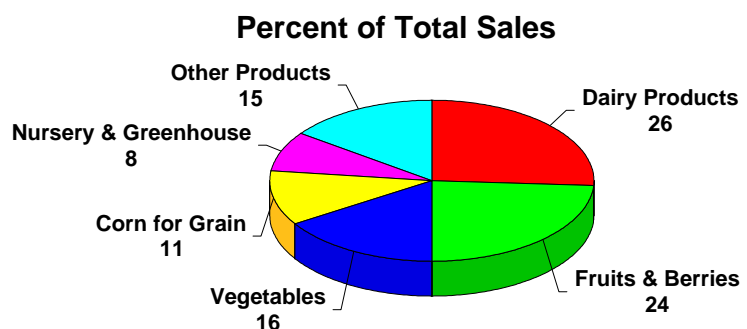
The average value of land and buildings per farm in 1997 was \$225,730. Machinery and equipment were valued at \$69,371 per farm. Total production expenses in 1997 were \$43.2 million for an average of \$62,935 per farm. The Census showed 49 percent of the farm operators reported farming as their principal occupation. The average age of the operator was 54.0 years. Data from the U.S. Department of Commerce showed the average personal income for all wage earners in the county in 1996 was \$21,612.

LEADING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

Product	1997 Sales Thous. Dol.	Percent of Total	County Rank
Dairy Products	15,256	26	34
Fruits & Berries	13,620	24	5
Vegetables	8,980	16	9
Corn for Grain	6,297	11	7
Nursery & Greenhouse	4,681	8	11
Other Products	8,892	15	
TOTAL SALES	57,726		22

1997 Census of Agriculture

LEADING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS



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FARMS, LAND IN FARMS, AND LAND USE

Year	Number of Farms	Land in Farms	Total Cropland 1/	Permanent Pasture 2/	Total Woodland 3/	Other Land 4/
		Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres
1940	3,871	274,687	5/	5/	15,416	5/
1950	3,362	247,904	206,593	7,509	14,941	18,861
1959	2,456	208,806	168,892	6,315	12,889	20,710
1969	1,654	171,937	140,259	5/	11,858	5/
1978	1,129	158,720	135,051	2,092	10,737	10,840
1982	1,093	150,411	127,055	1,904	10,253	11,199
1987	1,030	151,400	128,800	2,000	11,900	8,700
1992	880	149,000	123,400	4,600	12,000	9,000
1993	895	147,200	121,900	4,400	11,500	9,400
1994	880	142,300	119,700	3,300	9,900	9,400
1995	855	141,500	119,300	2,600	9,300	10,300
1996	840	138,100	117,500	1,900	8,500	10,200
1997	825	136,900	118,100	1,200	8,000	9,600
1998	830	139,400	119,200	1,300	8,400	10,500

1940-1982 U.S. Census of Agriculture 1/ Includes cropland pastured. 2/ Excludes cropland and woodland pastured.

3/ Includes woodland pastured. 4/ Land in house lots, ponds, wasteland, etc. 5/ Not available.

FRUIT ACRES AND RANK

FARMS BY SALES CLASS

Sales Class	1992	1997
Number of Farms		
Under \$10,000	414	350
\$10,000 to \$49,999	168	190
\$50,000 to \$99,999	70	43
\$100,000 or more	97	104
Farms Reporting	749	687

U. S. Census of Agriculture

Fruit	1997	Rank
Acres		

Apples	5,357	4
Grapes	887	8
Pears	601	1
Tart cherries	560	2
Peaches	505	1
Sweet cherries	221	1
Plums & prunes	125	1

U. S. Census of Agriculture

RESIDENT POPULATION

In 1998, County's population ranked 17th in the state

Year	Total	Population Per Square Mile
1940	160,100	306
1950	190,000	363
1960	242,300	463
1970	235,700	451
1980	227,400	435
1990	220,800	422
1998	218,070	417

U.S. Census of Population

CATTLE: Number on Farms, January 1

Year	All Cattle & Calves	Beef Cows	Milk Cows
Number on farms			
1940	18,785	1/	1/
1950	20,196	662	11,027
1959	22,393	1,353	10,046
1969	23,085	2,359	8,498
1978	19,000	1,800	8,200
1982	16,500	1,900	7,500
1987	20,500	2,000	7,800
1992	17,000	1,700	6,300
1993	17,000	1,200	6,600
1994	17,000	1,300	6,500
1995	16,000	1,200	6,500
1996	18,000	1,000	7,500
1997	18,000	1,500	7,500
1998	18,000	1,600	7,000

1940-1969 U.S. Census of Agriculture

1/ Not available.

MILK: Cows & Production

Year	Annual Avg. Milk Cows	Average Production Per Cow	Total Milk Production
No. Head Pounds Million lbs.			
1940	1/	1/	1/
1950	1/	1/	1/
1959	1/	1/	1/
1969	1/	1/	1/
1978	7,700	13,000	100.1
1982	7,300	12,700	92.7
1987	7,600	13,500	102.6
1992	6,500	16,200	105.3
1993	6,500	16,500	107.2
1994	7,000	17,000	119.0
1995	7,400	17,200	127.3
1996	7,500	17,000	127.5
1997	7,500	17,000	127.5
1998	7,500	17,200	129.0

1/ Not available.

OATS: Acreage, Yield, and Production

Year	Planted	Harvested	Yield	Production
Acres Acres Bushels Bushels				
1940	1/	20,015	28.0	560,148
1950	1/	17,473	29.5	515,810
1959	1/	16,075	51.4	825,634
1969	1/	1/	1/	1/
1978	9,100	8,300	57.0	473,100
1982	8,800	8,500	71.0	603,500
1987	6,700	6,400	60.0	384,000
1992	3,800	2,900	64.0	185,600
1993	4,200	3,200	56.0	179,200
1994	6,500	5,600	57.0	319,200
1995	4,000	3,900	63.0	245,000
1996	3,600	3,000	59.0	177,300
1997	4,400	3,900	75.0	292,500
1998	4,700	4,600	59.0	271,400

1940-1969 U.S. Census of Agriculture

1/ Not available.

WHEAT: Acreage, Yield, and Production

Year	Planted	Harvested	Yield	Production
Acres Acres Bushels Bushels				
1940	1/	24,102	23.4	564,876
1950	1/	25,488	25.3	645,256
1959	1/	19,180	29.2	560,442
1969	10,700	9,900	37.0	366,300
1978	6,200	5,400	34.0	183,600
1982	8,800	6,600	42.0	277,200
1987	5,300	4,900	43.0	210,700
1992	10,400	9,700	55.0	533,500
1993	6,500	5,800	47.0	272,600
1994	6,100	5,800	52.0	301,600
1995	6,600	6,000	54.0	324,000
1996	8,100	7,700	40.0	309,900
1997	6,800	6,500	54.0	351,000
1998	7,100	6,600	52.0	343,200

1940-1969 U.S. Census of Agriculture

1/ Not available.

EQUINE: Inventory and Value,

1997 Census of Agriculture

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CORN: Acreage, Yield, and Production

Year	All Planted	Grain			Silage		
		Harvested	Yield	Production	Harvested	Yield	Production
	Acres	Acres	Bushels	Bushels	Acres	Tons	Tons
1940	19,323	10,692	37.7	402,795	1/	1/	1/
1950	14,372	6,455	41.5	267,862	6,551	6.7	43,592
1959	19,777	13,690	48.2	660,234	5,794	8.2	47,288
1969	17,600	10,300	80.0	824,000	1/	1/	1/
1978	34,000	25,800	85.0	2,193,000	7,600	12.5	95,000
1982	36,400	29,500	86.5	2,551,700	6,400	12.8	81,900
1987	30,000	25,100	111.0	2,786,100	4,600	16.5	75,900
1992	29,600	24,500	84.0	2,058,000	3,800	14.0	53,200
1993	28,700	23,400	116.0	2,715,800	5,000	14.7	73,500
1994	29,000	24,700	122.0	3,022,200	4,300	16.0	68,600
1995	32,400	28,800	102.0	2,935,900	3,600	13.9	50,000
1996	36,000	31,200	100.0	3,107,500	4,700	15.4	72,200
1997	36,600	29,700	107.0	3,177,900	6,600	15.0	99,000
1998	36,800	29,800	120.0	3,571,000	7,000	16.1	112,700

1940 - 1969 U.S. Census of Agriculture

1/ Not available

HAY: Acreage, Yield, and Production 1/

Year	Alfalfa Hay			Other Hay			Total Hay		
	Harvested	Yield	Production	Harvested	Yield	Production	Harvested	Yield	Production
	Acres	Tons	Tons	Acres	Tons	Tons	Acres	Tons	Tons
1940	5,605	1.6	9,228	45,032	0.8	36,659	50,637	0.9	45,877
1950	5,309	1.7	9,111	36,251	1.1	41,522	41,560	1.2	50,633
1959	15,890	2.0	32,410	16,135	1.5	24,054	32,025	1.8	56,464
1969	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	29,827	2.3	67,521
1978	18,000	2.3	41,400	16,600	1.9	31,500	34,600	2.1	72,900
1982	12,300	2.9	35,700	15,800	2.1	33,200	28,100	2.5	68,900
1987	10,000	2.9	28,500	15,000	2.7	40,200	25,000	2.7	68,700
1992	13,400	2.5	33,600	13,900	2.0	28,300	27,300	2.3	61,900
1993	12,600	2.6	32,900	16,300	2.0	33,200	28,900	2.3	66,100
1994	11,200	3.1	35,100	16,100	2.3	37,500	27,300	2.7	72,600
1995	12,400	2.8	34,700	14,200	2.2	31,800	26,600	2.5	66,500
1996	12,100	2.7	32,700	11,500	2.1	24,200	23,600	2.4	56,900
1997	11,800	2.9	34,300	11,400	2.3	25,900	23,200	2.6	60,200
1998	11,100	2.7	30,300	10,100	2.4	24,100	21,200	2.6	54,400

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1/ Dry hay only - excludes silage and green chop

2/ Not available